

The **Parks and Recreation Board** met Monday, January 23, 2012, 4:30 pm, at City Hall, Council Chambers. Present at said meeting were Richard Shockley, Karen Springer, John MacDonald, Patrick Flannelly, Aimee Jacobsen and Attorney Andy Gutwein. Joe Payne, Pennie Ainsworth, Chris Foley, Lee Booth, Brenda Lorenz, and Cheryl Kolb represented the department. Present from the City was Council member Ann Hunt. Absent from the meeting were Council members Gerald Thomas and Gerry Keen.

Richard convened the Board at 4:32pm.

The first item of the agenda was the approval of the minutes from the December 19, 2011 meeting. Karen motioned to approve the minutes. John seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Superintendent – Joe reported on the following:

- Noted the Council Report was included in the mailing
- Copies of the annual report will be distributed with the minutes next month

Assistant Superintendent – Pennie reported on the following:

- We will be requesting \$75,000 in Community Block Grant Funds to start to bring our facilities into ADA compliance. We will be adding two lifts to the pool, lower the counter height for the entrance window and basket room, and up-dating signage. We will address public accommodations for Morton (the possibility of adding a ramp to the entrance).
- I received a copy of the ADA Compliance Survey Report for Morton. It addresses what we have to do to bring the building into compliance. We will have to prioritize items and come up with a time line on when things will be completed. I think this will become a line item in our budget in the future.
- Chris and I attended the IPRA State Conference last week. It was held in Michigan City. I attended several good sessions. One was on the Indiana State Department of Health new Swimming Pool Rules and ADA compliance for pools.
- The 18th annual Global Fest will be held Saturday, September 1.

Parks – Lee reported on the following:

- Trail and Playground Inspections presented
- New Paula Woods Park sign was installed
- Bollards and signs were installed along the new trail in Happy Hollow Park
- Materials are in for the Morton air handlers and should start rebuilding in a week or two
- Continue with clean up around the maintenance barn

Recreation Report – Chris reported on the following:

- Riverside Skating Center continues to be a popular place this winter in between rainy and warm weather.
- A one-day Learn to Skate clinic was held on Saturday, January 7. Twenty-one people ages six to adults participated.
- Group ice skating lessons began on January 14 with 92 children participating. The four-week lessons will continue through February 4.

- The Center's annual Dare to Bear will be held Friday, February 3 from 7-8:30 pm. Brave skaters will make laps around the rink in their bathing suits or costumes. The theme for this year's event will be Polar Bear Blitz (a football & cheerleader theme).
- The 2nd & 3rd Grade basketball program played their games on Saturday, January 14. One hundred children are participating in this program coordinated by Greg Tudor.

Morton Center – Brenda reported on the following:

- AARP will have representatives at Morton on Wednesday afternoons from 1-4 pm throughout February giving tax assistance to seniors and those people with low incomes. Appointments are required.
- I attended a meeting of Purdue's American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists to give a presentation on January 11. It was a small group, but they were very receptive to hearing about Morton.
- We have been keeping busy with registrations, room rentals and rentals of the skating rink.

Old Business

- None

New Business

TIF Project Listing

Copies of the TIF Project List were included in with the minutes. Joe mentioned that there are three TIF districts; the Levee-Village TIF District is the only district that we have appropriations in this year. It shows where a lot of our budget comes from.

West Lafayette School Board – Karen reported the following:

- We continue to monitor education related bills being discussed in the legislature and share input with local legislators.
- West Lafayette Athletics Booster Club is having a West Lafayette High School Winter Sports Sprit Dinner this Saturday, January 28 from 5-8 pm in the High School Cafeteria. It is an "All you Care to Eat Soup Supper", choice of four soups, salads, bread, beverage and dessert. Cost is \$5 per person or \$15 for immediate family. West Lafayette vs. Frankfort Boys home basketball game, JV plays at 6 pm with varsity to follow.

Wabash River

Joe reported that he and Andy were in attendance at WREC meeting last Thursday. Mostly internal business was discussed. WREC is working on getting the executive summaries on thumb drives for the plans that have been done. Andy reported that the group closed on the purchase of property down on Canal Road and north Ninth Street.

Other

Brian Lamb School of Communication

Joe received a request from Douglas Osman, who is with the Brian Lamb School of Communication at Purdue. They want to do a set of short documentary productions focusing on the Celery Bog Nature Area, the wetland environment, in May of 2012. For

four weeks between May and June, he and his students will document that habitat and produce a series of informational videos that would be shared with the Nature Center.

There would most likely be about a dozen students working on the project. When the work is finished, they would provide a copy to the Nature Center. He has done work in the past with The Nature Conservancy. Joe said he would provide them with a copy of our Research Guidelines. Pat motioned to approve the request. John seconded the motion and the motion carried.

WLFI-TV 18

Joe received a request from WLFI to use Cumberland Park south parking lot on March 24, for Living Green Initiative 2012, to hold an e-waste recycling event from 9 am-1pm. Aimee motioned to approve the request. Karen seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Broomball

The Department received a request from the Purdue Student Government to have a broomball competition at the Riverside Skating Center sometime during the first three weeks of February. The event will be a team-building activity for about thirty student government members only, and they will not be collecting any fees from the members. Members would wear their own snow boots (no skate rental) and they would purchase brooms to use on the rink as well as a rubber inflatable ball. They are not asking for the rental fee to be waved. Chris spoke with Sue about the event, and Sue did not think there would be a problem. Joe mentioned that the University has provided the Department with a Certificate of Insurance. Aimee made a motion to allow Broomball at the Rink as long as they secure the broom bristles with duct tape and they consider wearing helmets. Pat seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Pay Claims

Pat motioned for claims to be paid. Karen seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Adjourn

Aimee motioned to adjourn the meeting. John seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 5:00pm.

Presiding Officer

Secretary